GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3314
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PAYMENT OF LEASE AMOUNT BY SAIL
Ahir Shri Hansraj Gangaram

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is aware that the Government of Maharashtra has asked for lease amount of 57 crore rupees for merger of Maharashtra Electrosmelt Limited with Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL);

(b) if so, whether the Union Government has directed the SAIL to make the payment of the said amount;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Union Government proposes to issue instructions to the State Government in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS)

(a) In response to the application made by Maharashtra Elektrosmelt Limited (MEL) to the Government of Maharashtra for providing `No objection' for transfer of MEL land to the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), Government of Maharashtra has asked for the deposit of 50% of the unearned income in the land which is about Rs.57 crore.

(b) No direction has been issued to SAIL by the Government to make the payment of the said amount and efforts are under way to have this demand waived.

(c) Does not arise, in view of (b) above.

(d) & (e):There is no proposal at present to issue instructions to the State Government in this regard. However, the State Government has been requested to waive this demand.